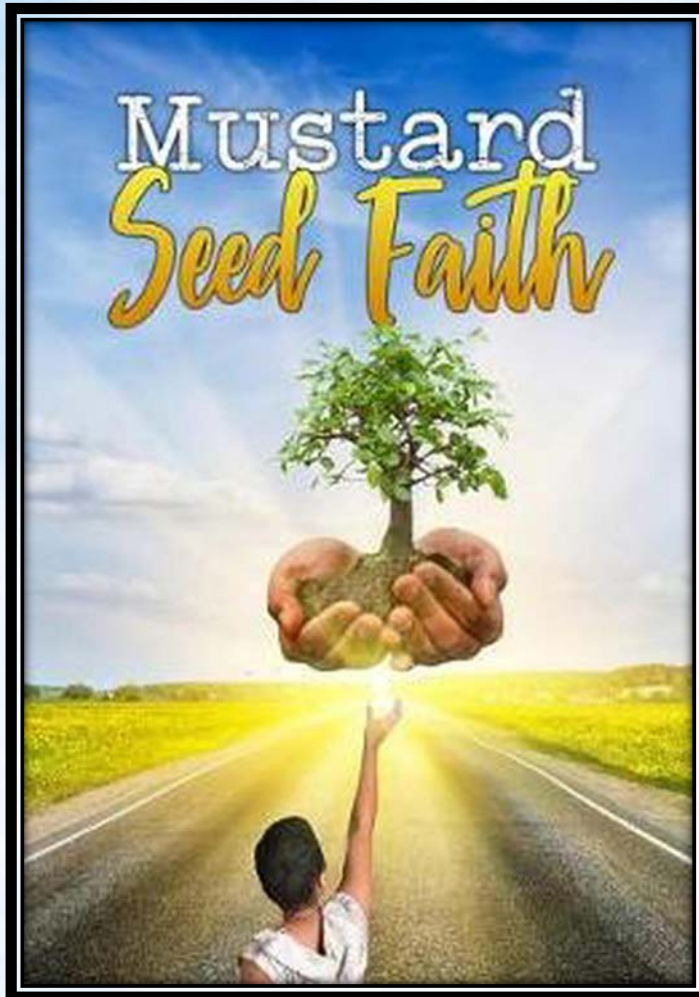


WELCOME!

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
February 12, 2023



1. Gather

2. Word

3. Meal

4. Sending

1. Gather

- * = Please stand if able
- = Please be seated



- **Prelude – Roxanne Groff**
- **Office of the Acolyte**
- **Ringling of the Bell**
- **Welcome**

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.



1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The presiding minister addresses the assembly.

P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Water may be poured into the font as the presiding minister gives thanks.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all. We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ

1. Gather

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

P: Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

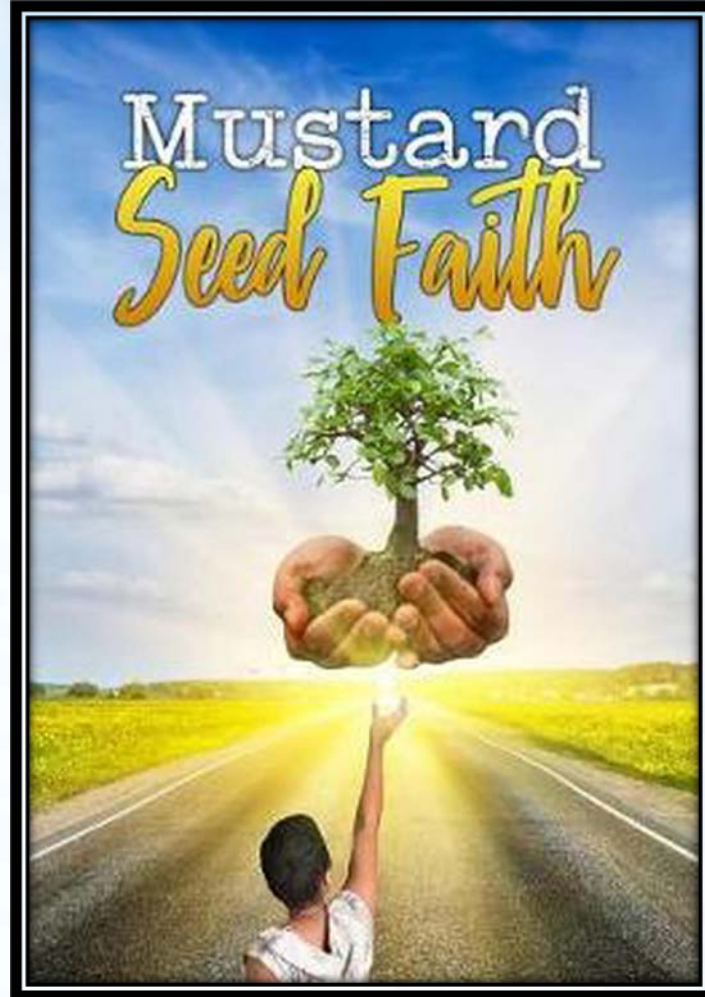
C: Amen.

The service continues with gathering song.

1. Gather

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GATHERING SONG



**“Gather Us In”
ELW 532**



1. Gather

*** Gather Us In ELW 532**

**1 Here in this place
the new light is streaming,
now is the darkness
vanished away;
see in this space
our fears and our dreamings
brought here to you
in the light of this day.**



1. Gather

* **Gather Us In ELW 532**

**1 Gather us in,
the lost and forsaken,
gather us in,
the blind and the lame;
call to us now,
and we shall awaken,
we shall arise
at the sound of our name.**



1. Gather

* Gather Us In ELW 532

**2 We are the young,
our lives are a myst'ry,
we are the old
who yearn for your face;
we have been sung
throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light
to the whole human race.**



1. Gather

* **Gather Us In** ELW 532

**2 Gather us in,
the rich and the haughty,
gather us in,
the proud and the strong;
give us a heart,
so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage
to enter the song.**

1. Gather

* Gather Us In ELW 532

**3 Here we will take
the wine and the water,
here we will take
the bread of new birth,
here you shall call
your sons and your daughters,
call us anew
to be salt for the earth.**

1. Gather

* Gather Us In ELW 532

**3 Give us to drink
the wine of compassion,
give us to eat
the bread that is you;
nourish us well,
and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy
and hearts that are true.**



1. Gather

* **Gather Us In ELW 532**

**4 Not in the dark
of buildings confining,
not in some heaven,
light years away—
here in this place
the new light is shining,
now is the kingdom,
and now is the day.**

1. Gather

* Gather Us In ELW 532

**4 Gather us in
and hold us forever,
gather us in
and make us your own;
gather us in,
all peoples together,
fire of love
in our flesh and our bone.**

1. Gather

* **APOSTOLIC GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

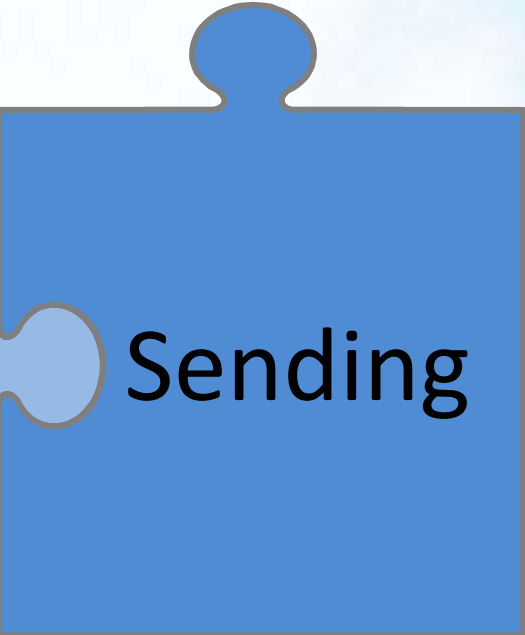
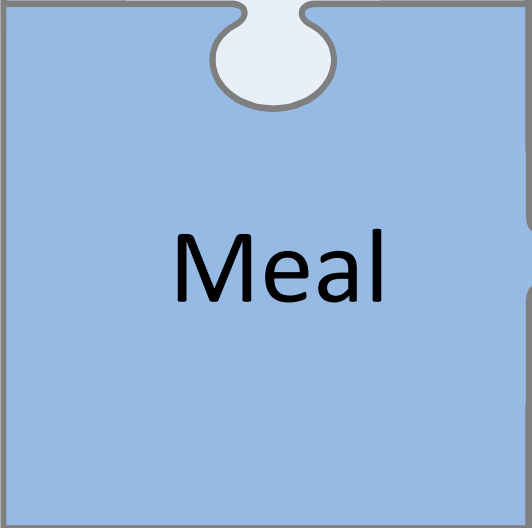
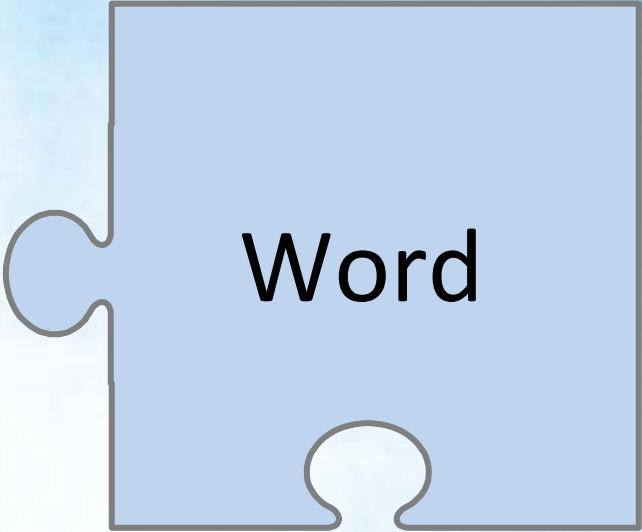
C: And also with you.

1. Gather

* **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Let us pray... Gracious God, your Son spoke to us in parables about the nature of your reign. Give us ears to hear and hearts to understand that we might be instruments of your peace and justice.

C: Amen.

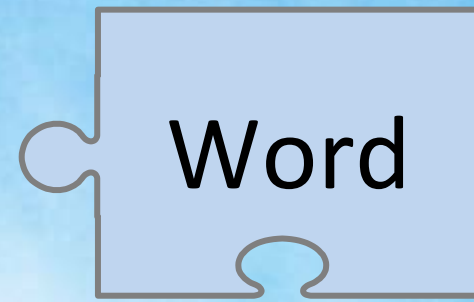


Word





* Scripture Reading



R: Our scripture reading for this day is from the Gospel according to Matthew, the 13th chapter..

C: Glory to you O' Lord!
(Spoken)

* **Matthew 13:24-43**



Word

²⁴He put before them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and

* Matthew 13:24-43



Word

said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at

* **Matthew 13:24-43**



Word

**harvest time I will tell the reapers,
Collect the weeds first and bind them
in bundles to be burned, but gather the
wheat into my barn.””**

**³¹He put before them another parable:
“The kingdom of heaven is like a
mustard seed that someone took and
sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of
all the seeds, but when it has grown it
is the greatest of shrubs and becomes**

* Matthew 13:24-43



Word

a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”³³ He told them another parable: “The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.”³⁴ Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing.³⁵ This was to fulfill what had been spoken

* **Matthew 13:24-43**



Word

through the prophet: “I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.”

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.”

³⁷He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field

* Matthew 13:24-43



Word

is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his

* Matthew 13:24-43



Word

kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

⁴⁴“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy

* Matthew 13:24-43



Word

he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.”

* Matthew 13:24-43



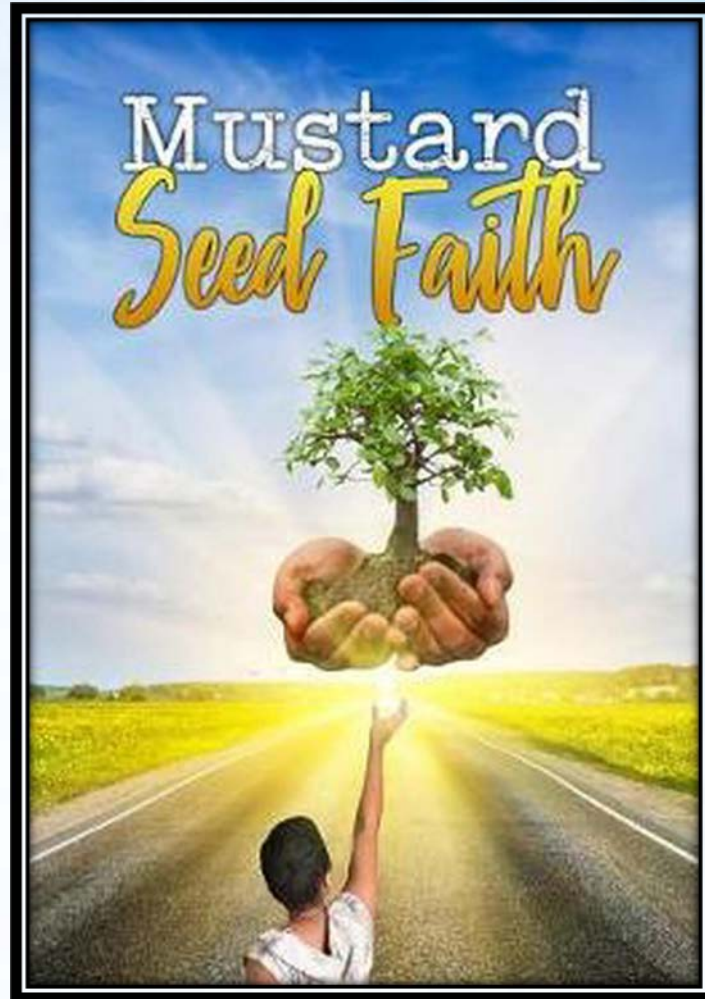
Word

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

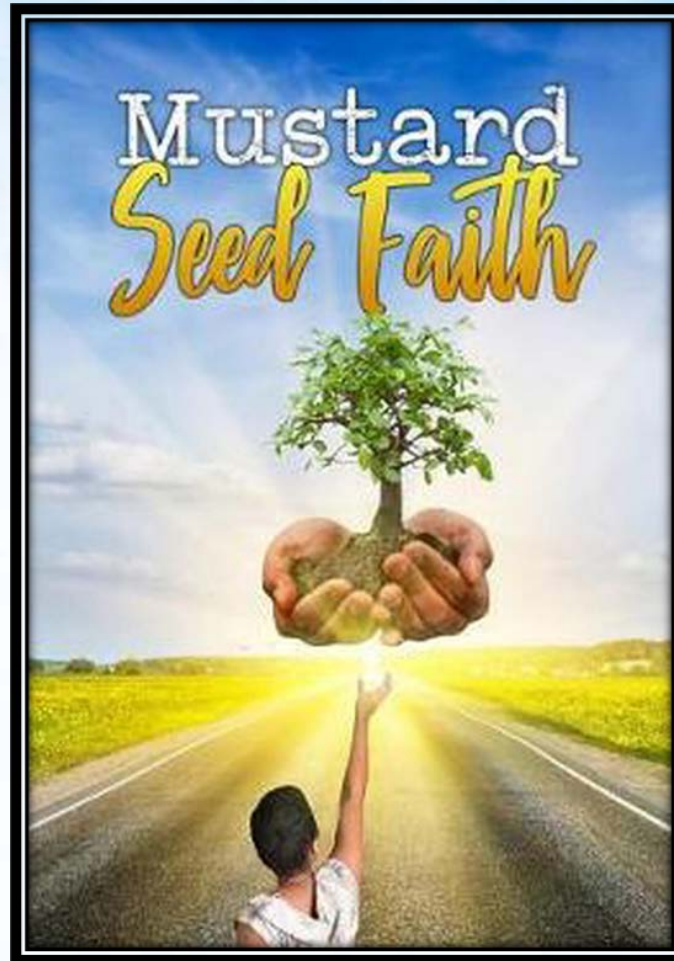
C: Praise to You, O Christ
(Spoken)

Sermon

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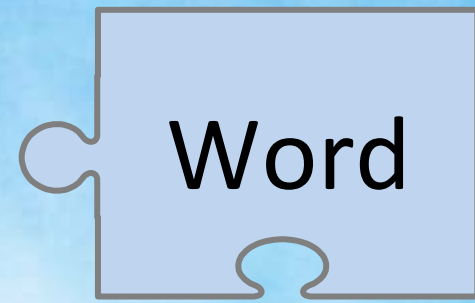


* **HYMN OF THE DAY**



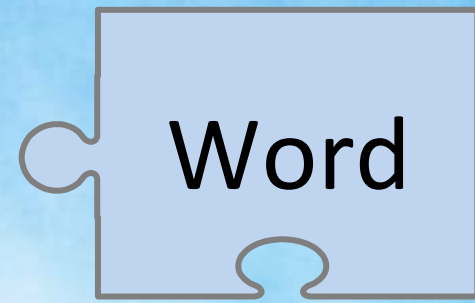
**Lord, Speak to Us That We May Speak
LBW 403**

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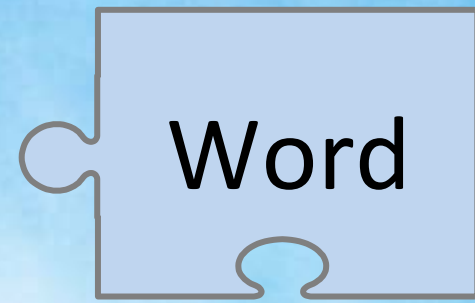
**1 Lord, speak to us, that we may speak
in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

*** Lord, Speak to Us
That We May Speak
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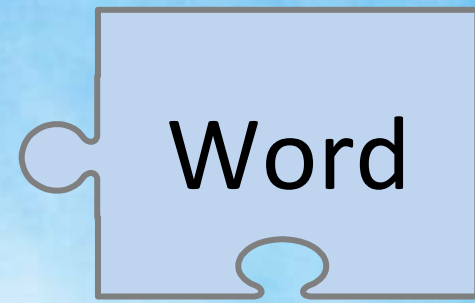
**2 Oh, lead us, Lord, that we may lead
the wand'ring and the wav'ring feet;
oh, feed us, Lord, that we may feed
your hung'ring ones with manna
sweet.**

*** Lord, Speak to Us
That We May Speak
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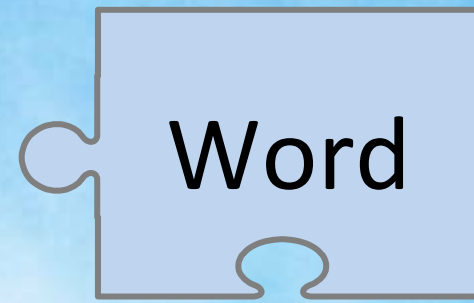
**3 Oh, teach us, Lord, that we may teach
the precious truths which you impart;
and wing our words,
that they may reach
the hidden depths of many a heart.**

*** Lord, Speak to Us
That We May Speak
LBW 403**



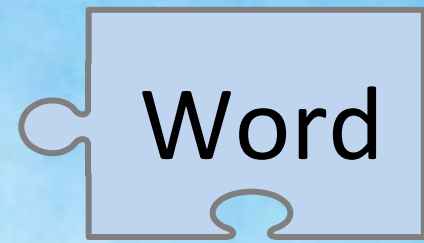
**4 Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

* APOSTLE'S CREED



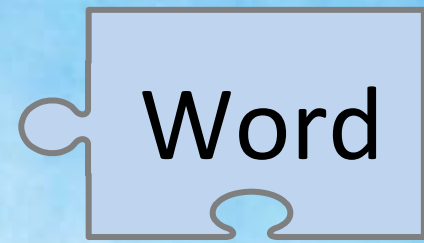
**C: I believe in God, the Father
almighty, creator of heaven and
earth.**

* APOSTLE'S CREED



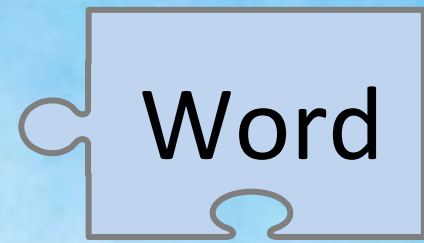
C: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

* APOSTLE'S CREED



C: He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

* APOSTLE'S CREED



C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



Word

Each petition will end with the words,

A: Merciful God,

The congregation will respond with:

C: You hear our prayer.

* PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION



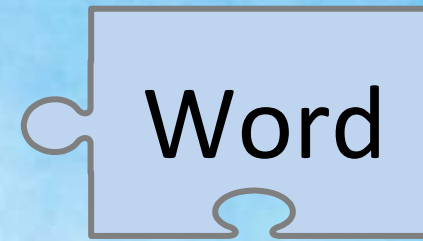
Word

The prayer concludes...

P: Receive our prayers and hold all for whom we pray in your loving arms, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

* SHARING OF THE PEACE



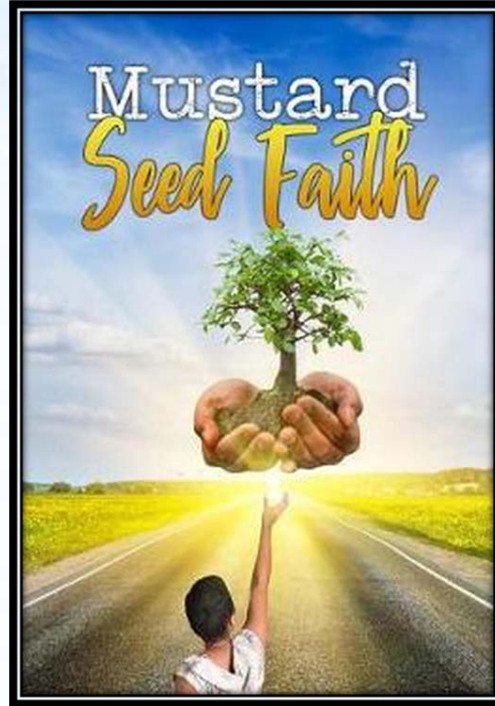
(The Sharing of the Peace that began when the congregation arrived is now shared with the Pastor at this time...)

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

- OFFERING

* OFFERTORY PRAYER



Gather

Word

Meal

Sending

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name, thy
kingdom come, thy will be
done, on earth as it is in
heaven.**



Meal

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

C: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.



Meal

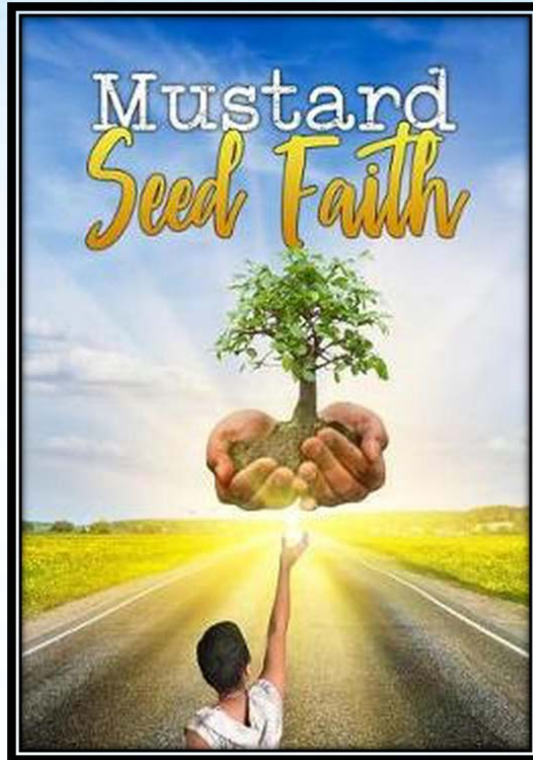
* THE LORD'S PRAYER

**C: For thine is the
kingdom, and the
power, and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.**



Meal

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Gather

Word

Meal

Sending

* SENDING BLESSING

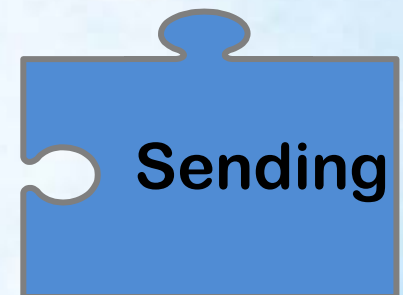
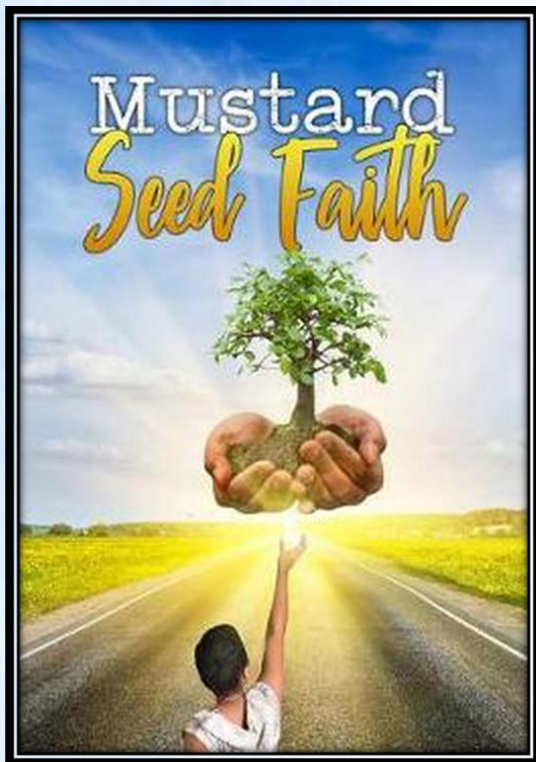
P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod ✚ bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. ...

C: Amen.

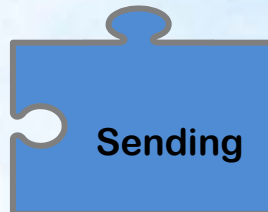


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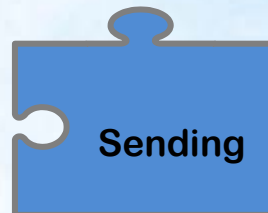
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”
LBW 479



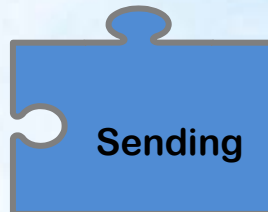
**1 My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary,
Savior divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away,
oh, let me from this day
be wholly thine!**



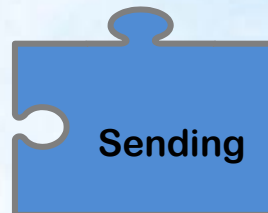
**2 May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as thou hast died for me,
oh, may my love to thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire!**



**3 While life's dark maze I tread
and griefs around me spread,
be thou my guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from thee aside.**



**4 When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll;
blest Savior, then, in love
fear and distrust remove;
oh, bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul!**



* **DISMISSAL**

P: ... depart in Christ's Love.

**C: Seeking, welcoming, and serving
all. Amen!**

POSTLUDE

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